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## **RNL IS MASTER PLANNER OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IN DUBAI**

**DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** -- RNL International is the master planner for the new **Burj Dubai Development** in Dubai, a master planned community that will become a major urban node within Dubai and the setting for Burj Dubai Tower, which will be the tallest building in the world. Part of a former military facility, the project site will be developed on 416 acres of land adjacent to existing high-rise residential and office districts. The overall project, when completed, will provide a total of more than 23 million square feet of total building area.

RNL principal **David Klages, FAIA**, whose former firm KCV (Klages Carter Vail and Partners) merged with RNL back in 2000, is the principal-in-charge on the project and expressed excitement about the future impact of the area. "The Burj Dubai Development will not only play a vital role in the city's economic development, but it will also be the location for Burj Dubai Tower, which will be a major "iconic" landmark within the country. The development will undoubtedly become the visual and social center of Dubai." Klages' professional experience includes the master plan of Kuala Lumpur City Center in Malaysia, the site of the Petronas Towers, which are currently the world's tallest buildings.

Burj Dubai will consist of a large-scale mixed-use development including a large retail shopping center, a business center, a significant collection of high-rise residential towers, and a major urban park with a 36 acre lake. Featuring the Burj Dubai Tower as its main centerpiece, the high-density development will incorporate an "Old Town" residential and retail center which will be an acknowledgement of the more traditional building forms of the culture. The site is being developed by Emaar Properties PJSC, the largest real estate developer in Dubai. Design of the master plan was completed in November 2003 and site construction is currently underway.

The major organizing element of the project is Burj Dubai Boulevard, a 3.5 kilometer "loop" road which will be the main roadway through the project and will provide access to all areas in the

development. Additionally, the lake and canal system will link major areas of the site, offering visual, recreational and transportation elements to the project.

Since its inception in 1956, RNL has built its practice providing innovative design solutions to clients, exceeding their needs and bringing ideas to life. RNL offers clients around the world a continuum of design services, including architecture, interior design, facility programming, feasibility studies, urban design and planning, landscape architecture and engineering. Testimony to RNL's success are the many partnerships with clients spanning several decades and many prestigious awards including the 2001 Firm of the Year award from The American Institute of Architects Western Mountain Region. For more information, visit [www.rnldesign.com](http://www.rnldesign.com).

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